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While he may have gotten a better update than what his folks have provided him to date, any insight into what he thinks ?
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▼ Wendy Wiltse---11/01/2011 04:09:53 PM---David, and all, I met with Gary Gill, Watson, Alec, Chauncey, and Mike (SDW) yesterday for 1.5 hrs

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David, and all,
I met with Gary Gill, Watson, Alec, Chauncey, and Mike (SDW) yesterday for 1.5 hrs about Lahaina WRF and Kahekili Priority Watershed. I've had the impression that Gary does not have the full picture about this issue, so I asked if I could brief him. Gary was not in office when DLNR implemented the herbivore fishery management area, or Environment Hawaii published a whole issue about sewage injection wells on Maui, or when USGS briefed DOH on their detection of wastewater tracers in coastal waters. And now the Coral Reef TAsk Force (CRTF) is amping up priority watershed work at Kahekili, hoping to restore corals. Attached is the outline of what I presented....primarily background info.

I told them I was not prepared to discuss the UIC and NPDES permit issues without my R9 colleagues on the phone (or in the room), but I wanted them to know there will be continued heat to reduce nutrient loads from wastewater, from many directions. Restoring the coral will most likely require nutrient load reductions in addition to the already implemented fishery controls. I also gave Gary a highlighted copy of Hawaii UIC rules to show that UIC has authority to implement wastewater and clean water requirements.

Watson seemed eager to get results from his monitoring efforts, but they have not started the seep sampling yet. He says they have results for the probabalistic sampling.

The biggest rise came when I told them about CRTF's other priority watershed: Guanica, Puerto Rico where NRCS has put millions into erosion and nutrient BMPs and EPA ordered the POTW to tertiary!! The idea of tertiary certainly scared them.

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▼ David Albright---10/31/2011 04:59:10 AM---Hi Wendy, Nothing new on the UIC permitting front. We are, as you know, on hold pending the outcome

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Hi Wendy,

Nothing new on the UIC permitting front. We are, as you know, on hold pending the outcome of DOH's 401 cert review.

Our most recent action was the disinfection order, which was finalized in September.

I'll be interested to hear how the meeting goes.

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David and Nancy,

I wanted to let you know that I am meeting Monday with Gary Gill regarding Lahaina injection wells and watershed efforts. I wanted to meet with him informally to provide a rounded picture of the environmental degradation in the area and why we are concerned about nutrient/pollutant loads from injection wells. Whenever I hear him talk about it, I get the impression that his staff are not seeing the whole picture and that he's minimizing the issues.

After a talk he gave at UH recently, I asked if I could meet with him about Lahaina. He said sure and had his secretary schedule it with me. Now I understand his staff will attend as well. My plan is to review highlights from the scientific studies by Dailer and Hunt, and also give him an overview of the Coral Reef Priority Watershed Actions. I was not planning to really discuss the hard permitting issues but they will likely come up.

I will be preparing materials to share with him over the weekend and realize that I am remiss in not checking in with you earlier on this. I've been on travel and am very short on prep time myself. If there are new UIC developments that I should know about, please call or email me on Monday morning. My meeting with Gary is 11:30 AM your time. I will, of course, report back to you afterwards.

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